

Orange Relay with variations in Gooley Minor!

Here's simple game for first graders up through adult. You've probably seen some variations of this. If you've ever done it, you know it can be a lot of fun.

Split everyone into two groups of equal number. Ten is a good number for each team. If you have a large crowd, make more teams. For example, 3 teams of 8 or 9 instead of 2 teams of 12 or more.

Have the groups each form a line. If everyone can see what's going on in both lines it can add to the fun and excitement.

The only equipment you need is an orange for each group. The rules are simple.

The first person in each line places an orange between her chin and chest, holding it in place with her chin. When the command "Go" is given, the first player in each team passes the orange to the next team member without the use of hands. Then the second player passes the orange to the third player and so on. Only the chin and chest can be used for passing.

When the orange gets to the last player, that player must go to the front of the line and pass the orange to the first player. The team that first gets the orange back to the first player is the winner.

If a pair drops the orange it must be passed back. One variation I've seen is to start over at the beginning of the line. Another is to pass the orange back one player. In other words the player who was passing when it dropped must again receive the orange. This second way usually contributes more the the excitement.

One thing to keep in mind is the size of the players. Adults and teens can handle a larger orange than first graders.

A way to vary the game or if you have no oranges is to use another fruit. Apples are good. Something like a mango, peach or plum can be fun because if the players squeeze too hard or if it's dropped, things begin to get slippery and sticky! The game can quickly become a gooley relay! That can make for a lot of laughs!

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